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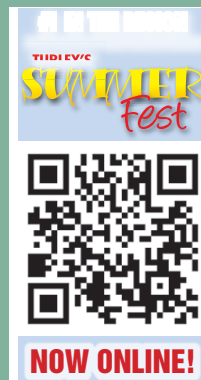
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Two people injured in Route 57 crash

By Jennifer Wroblewski
Staff Writer

AGAWAM - A motor vehicle collided with a motorcycle in Feeding Hills Sunday, injuring two people and forcing the closure of the road for nearly four hours while officials conducted an investigation, according to Agawam Police Lt. Eric Gillis.

The crash in the vicinity of 128 Southwick St. was reported to police June 24 around 1:50 p.m., said Gillis.

The male operator of the motorcycle involved - who was not identified at presstime - was transported to Baystate Medical Center in Springfield by Agawam Fire Department paramedics with life-threatening injuries. His passenger,

whom police also declined to identify, was transported for minor injuries, said Gillis.

The accident is under investigation by Agawam Police Department with the assistance of special operations units of the Massachusetts State Police including Collision Analysis and Reconstruction and Crime Scene Services, as well as the office of Hampden County

District Attorney Mark Mastroianni.

A preliminary investigation determined that the sport utility vehicle (SUV) involved was traveling east on Southwick Street when it collided with the motorcycle that was headed west on Southwick Street. The operator of the car involved was not identified at presstime.

Southwick Street (Route 57) from the intersection of North West Street to Sunset Terrace was closed and traffic was diverted around the area while state and local officials investigated the crash. The road was re-opened at 5:40 p.m.

No charges have been filed against the driver of the SUV. Additional information was not released at presstime.

A summer splash



Turley Publications photo by Connie J. Casagrande

Emily Fontaine, 9, enjoys a "peaceful" day relaxing in her pool during last week's heat wave. Do you have your own summer photo to share? Send it to Editor Jennifer Wroblewski at jwroblewski@turley.com.

Council approves land-taking

By Jennifer Wroblewski
Staff Writer

After tabling a resolution critical to Phase II of the Southwest Area Sewer Extension project at several recent meetings, the Agawam City Council voted on the measure June 18, passing it with a 9-2 vote. A separate resolution, requesting the expenditure of funds for land takings and easements for Phase II also passed 9-2. Council President Christopher C. Johnson and Councilor Cecilia P. Calabrese cast the dissenting votes on both resolutions.

One resolution asked for the approval of land-taking in order to construct pumping stations on Pine and Barry streets in Feeding Hills for Phase II of the project - a measure that the council has compared to "putting the cart before the horse," in the past and a sentiment Johnson reiterated prior to the vote last week - while the other asked for the appropriation of \$55,000 from available funds for Phase II.

The council appropriated \$3.7 million for the project in February 2010. Of that, \$810,562 is available for Phase II.

Councilor Robert E. Rossi, chair of the administrative subcommittee to which the issue was referred, said the town could not continue with Phase II of the project until the

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Abatements pass through council

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM - The Agawam City Council approved two abatements for local developer Ralph DePalma at its June 18 meeting, significantly reducing the cost of sewer betterments that must be paid up front.

Two abatement requests were before the city council, one for land owned by developer Ralph DePalma and another for land owned by DePalma and business partner Giuseppe Tirone. The first request passed with a vote of 10-0 (with Councilor George Bitzas abstaining), while the second passed 9-1 (with Council President Christopher C. Johnson casting a dissenting vote and Bitzas abstaining).

The city council administrative subcommittee has been working on the abatements for several months,

holding hearings on several properties recently assessed for Phase I of the Southwest Sewer Project.

DePalma was assessed the majority of the cost for the \$1.7 million project with more than \$919,000 in betterment costs.

He fought the assessment because he felt he was being assessed unequally. Councilor Robert Rossi, chairman of the administrative subcommittee (and previously the sewer committee), said DePalma had a right to be upset.

"He (DePalma) said he was more than willing to pay his fair share for the sewer project," said Rossi. "But only as long as it was done equally. That did not happen and he had a right to be upset."

Rossi did not blame the problem on any individual, but on the age of zoning laws that led to DePalma's two properties being assessed for 212 and 181 units, respectively. Each unit assessed is charged a \$2,341 betterment fee.

"The laws were misunderstood and be-

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Winning smiles



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Katie White and Emily Ehresman, members of the Piranha girls' 9/10 swim team, prepare to compete at a meet against Montague June 9. Piranhas won the event.



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MEDAL WINNERS



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A group of Agawam residents were awarded medals in their respective age groups at the 6th Annual Tim Paige 5K Road Race held in Longmeadow last month. Running coach Lee Haseltine held an eight-week program at Fitness First in Feeding Hills to prepare the runners for the race. Back row, from left, Sandra Hensel, Marie Knapps, Leo Knapps and Haseltine. Front row, from left - Sandee Johnson, Ellie Binns, Kaitlyn Suller and Hailley Suller. Missing from photo, Michael Cookish and Shelley Lemke.

Council meeting date changed

AGAWAM — Due to the Fourth of July holiday, the regularly scheduled city council meeting for Monday, July 2, has been rescheduled for Monday, July 9, at the same time and location. For more information, call 786-0400, ext. 8716.

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WHERE IS IT?

Each week *Agawam Advertiser News* will feature a photo of a local building, item, sign, place or landmark and ask readers to pick their brains to figure out where it is or even what it is. Check here each week to test your knowledge of the area where we live and work. The photo will be from either Agawam or Feeding Hills, but we'll always give you a hint or two.

The answer to this week's "Where is it?" will run in next week's edition along with the name of the first person to submit a correct answer and a new trivia photo for you to consider.

E-mail answers or future Where Is It? suggestions to editor Jennifer Wroblewski at jwroblewski@turley.com.



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fixtures
light up the
evening at
this local
spot. Tell us,
do you know
where it is?

Last week's photo:
Correctly guessing Subway
on Springfield Street were
Sue Meunier of Feeding
Hills and Rick Parrott of
Agawam.



Correction/Clarification

In a news brief that ran in last week's edition of *Agawam Advertiser News*, "Get with the Griv at the Agawam Senior Center," the date of the performance was incorrectly listed as July 2. The correct date is Tuesday, July 24 at 12:30 p.m.

An article that appeared last week about the summer reading program at Agawam

Public Library incorrectly stated that Jay Berger suggested the "Between the Covers" summer reading program theme. Berger suggested the "ReadLocal" group book signing. The theme is set by the Collaborative Summer Library Program.

We apologize for the errors.



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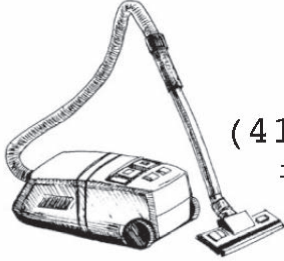
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Historical Association member and master gardener Judy Anderson provided attendees with interesting facts and uses for herbs that have been used for centuries. Sage is used to purify the air and has been in research for treating Alzheimer’s disease.

Detailing history, uses of herbs

FEEDING HILLS — On May 20, the Thomas Smith House located on North West Street held its “Herbs in the Colonies” program free to the public.

Historical Association member and master gardener Judy Anderson provided attendees with facts and uses for herbs that have been used for centuries. Pioneer women were re-

sponsible for the family’s well being and the herb garden helped fulfill this need.

Anderson also spoke of folklore and superstitions regarding mandrake roots and fennel. Mandrake roots were considered evil while fennel is calming and was put in the keyholes and over the doorways to keep out evil spirits.



Master gardener Judy Anderson enlightened everyone about the herbs.

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Opinion

Last week's scorcher presents real health threats

Mother Nature heralded in the first day of summer last Wednesday, June 20, with temperatures nearing triple digits, shutting down schools and opening cooling centers across New England, and bringing with them a host of health threats we implore residents to guard themselves against.

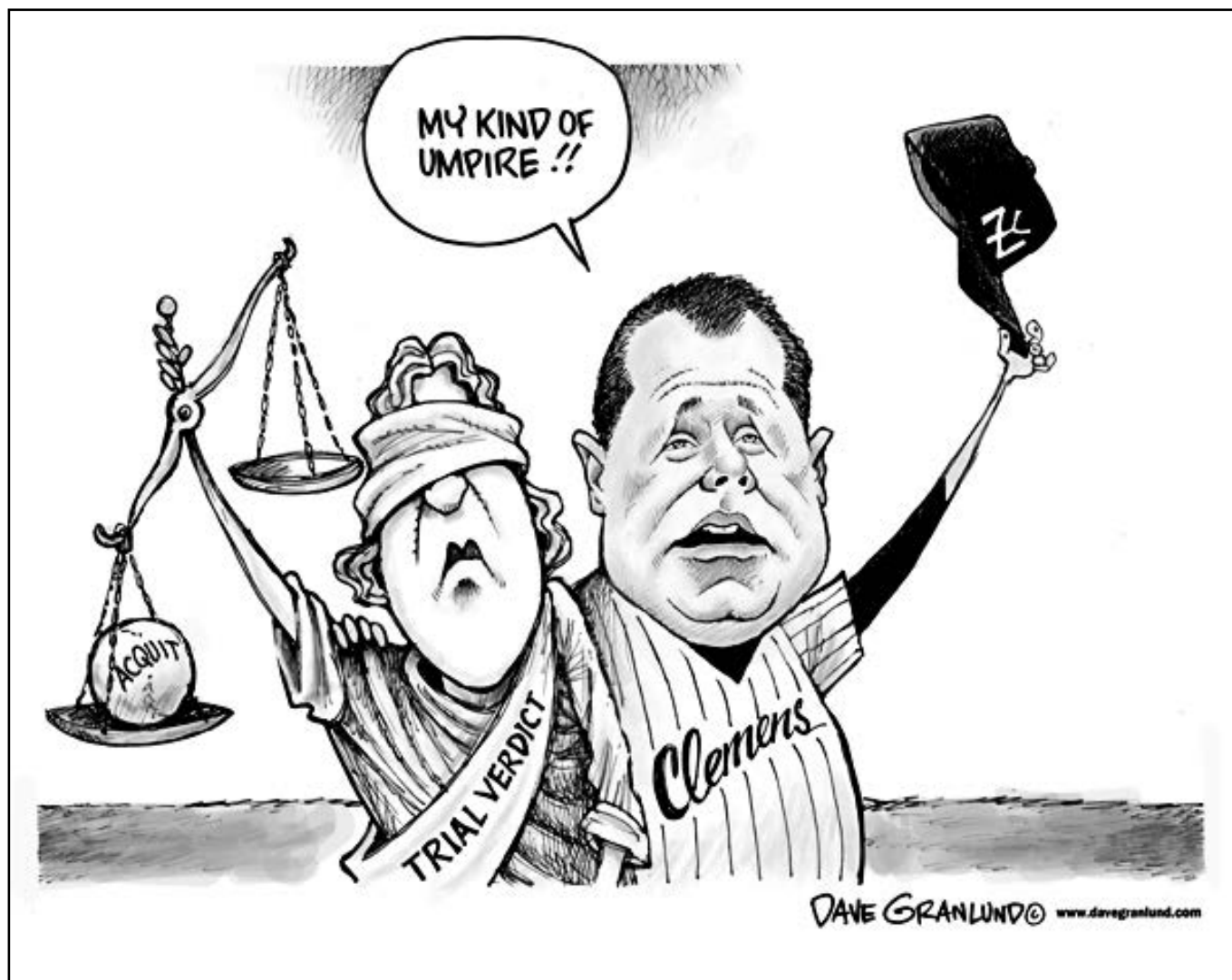
Hot air means unhealthy air quality due to an increase in ozone levels, which can cause breathing problems, aggravate asthma symptoms and other lung diseases, making people more susceptible to respiratory infection, cautions the Environmental Protection Agency.

The American Red Cross issued multiple safety alerts last week, which included (at the top of their list) a warning we issued in this column last week about the dangers of leaving children and pets in vehicles for ANY length of time. It was upsetting to learn that two dogs in Deerfield succumbed to heat-related injuries last week when they were left in a vehicle.

The American Red Cross advises residents to eat smaller meals more often throughout the day. It may sound a little strange, but digestion causes body temperatures to rise. Eating smaller meals means our bodies don't have to work so hard.

Other tips to protect ourselves from heat-related disasters include common sense instructions, like wearing loose-fitting, lightweight and light-colored clothing, avoiding the outdoors during the hottest times of the day, and avoiding strenuous exercise.

The American Red Cross also reminds us to check in on family members, friends and neighbors who do not have air conditioning, spend their time alone or are more likely to be affected by the heat.



To keep your cool during a heat wave, Western Massachusetts Electric Company (WMECo) recommends limiting the use of household appliances that emit heat and cook outdoors, if possible. Keep windows closed during the hottest times of the day and draw blinds and shades to block the sun; use fans to keep the air circulating throughout the house, and unplug what they call "electric vampires," cell phone and laptop chargers, remote control appliance and electronics not in use.

What's the threat of soaring temperatures? Dr. Joseph Schmidt, from the Emergency Department at Baystate Medi-

cal Center, said heat is the top weather-related killer in the United States. The body cannot safely regulate its temperature in extreme heat, which can result in heat exhaustion, heat cramps or heat stroke.

The warning signs of an oncoming heat-related illness can include excessive sweating, leg cramps, flushed skin, nausea and vomiting, dizziness, headache and rapid pulse, said Dr. Schmidt.

Heat stroke can lead to permanent disability or death, he warns.

If someone is experiencing any of the warning signs of a heat-related illness, quickly move them to a cooler place,

remove or loosen tight clothing, spray the person with water or apply cool wet cloths to the skin. If conscious, provide four ounces of cool water every 15 minutes. If symptoms do not subside or if the person refuses water, vomits or begins to lose consciousness, immediately call 911.

If the first day of summer is any indication of what is to come, we hope the above tips and warning signs will help you stay cool and avoid a heat-related tragedy.

Here's to a happy and healthy summer!

Letters to the Editor

Thanks go to golf tourney organizers, sponsors

To the editor:

Jimmy Fund Golf extends its sincerest thanks to the organizers and sponsors of the Jimmy Fund Golf Tournament/Jeffrey Vinick Memorial held June 18, at Crestview Country Club in Agawam, Ellington Ridge Country Club in Ellington, Conn., Twin Hills Country Club in Longmeadow and The Ranch Golf Club in Southwick. Special recognition and appreciation goes to Marc Packin of Longmeadow, Jenn Capshaw of Southampton,

and the committee who organized the 33rd annual event.

The dedicated sponsors, participants, and volunteers helped raise critical funds to support life-saving cancer research and care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

The Jimmy Fund Golf Tournament/Jeffrey Vinick Memorial is one of the many golf tournaments that will be held in 2012 to raise funds for the Jimmy Fund and Dana-Farber. The presenting sponsors for Jimmy Fund Golf's 2012 season are American Airlines, Callaway, CHAMP Spikes, Dunkin' Donuts, Forty Seven Brand, HomeGoods, The International Golf Club, and Wicked Local.

From traditional golf tournaments and country club member events to mini golf tournaments and all day golf marathons, volunteers create golf fundraisers that combine their love of the sport with their desire to support the fight against cancer. Each event is an incredibly rewarding and fun way to support a great cause.

Those interested in finding out ways to support Dana-Farber and the Jimmy Fund through golf may visit www.jimmyfundgolf.org or call (866) 521-4653 to learn how.

Nancy Rowe, Director
Jimmy Fund Golf

Overcoming by the power of Christ's blood and the word of your testimony

Bible Texts: 1st Peter 4:12-19 and John 15:18-27. Today's message is the last in a series on Discipleship. We've discussed the call, cost, commitment, and today, the consequences of being a disciple of Jesus. If you live in the 10/40 window, persecution is often the consequence. What good could ever come out of the persecution of Christians from this wicked world? Today we're going to discover how the pressure and pain of persecution can produce powerful people that overcome and overwhelm all those who oppose the gospel of Christ. Persecution is as old as Cain and Abel (Genesis 4:1-15). It occurs because people hate being told they're guilty before God for their sinful behavior. That's what Jesus taught in John 15:22. He said, "If I had not come and spoken to

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them [The Pharisees, etc.], they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin." This is why Cain murdered his brother Abel.

I am an Italian-American and my spiritual ancestors are the Waldensians, the ancient church of the Alps. These are the Italian and French Pre-Reformation, evangelicals who were persecuted for 700 years. Their enemies murdered, raped and killed 3000 of them in one day. How did they respond? Their ancient motto is, "Into Darkness, Light" During the Dark Ages, they memorized and translated the Bible, sent missionaries throughout Europe and started gospel churches 300 years before Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses on the Witten-

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Nothing but some words with friends

I text in AP Style.

For those who don't know, AP Style is the journalistic guideline set forth by the Associated Press that includes, among other things, grammar rules for news reporters to follow. In my office, it is at the top of the list of most-used reference books, beating out even the *Oxford English Dictionary* and my beaten-up copy of *News Reporting and Writing* by Melvin Mencher. I use AP Style so much, it's bled into everyday usage.

As a writer, I take pride in my impeccable grammar skills. Whether it's written or oral, I try to "speak" in proper English. It drives me crazy to read something rife with inaccuracies, whether it be a press release to be included in the paper, a Facebook status update or Twitter post, text message, or an email from a friend or colleague. Nothing offends me more than a person's inability to effectively communicate in English. For most of us, it's the only language we speak; how is it possible that we butcher it so badly?

In the past, I've taken to Facebook to carp on the more egregious grammatical mistakes I've come across, but after reading an article centered on grammar gaffes in a recent *Wall Street Journal*, I decided I could hold back no longer. Why not enter the fray?

I'll preface my diatribe by admitting that I have, on occasion, fallen prey to the English language beast, most often when I'm speaking and I don't have the option of going back to edit myself. I am less forgiving of transgressions made in print, however, if only because we're staring at our words; there's no excuse for mistakes.

That said, there are a few grammar rules that I hear people break every day in conversation and I just barely manage to bite my tongue and keep my mouth shut. When I can't resist that impulse, I usually get myself in trouble.

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JENNIFER WROBLEWSKI
EDITOR

Last week, for example, I offered to help a friend pack up her life and move into a new apartment.

"Let me or Kristen know if you need anything and we'll see what we can do,"

I told her.

"You mean let Kristen or I know, Jen," she said, rolling her eyes. "C'mon, you should know this."

An overly-verbose individual who has an argument for almost everything, there are few times in my life when I am rendered silent, but it took me a few minutes to overcome my shock. Not only did my friend try to correct me; she was wrong. And she's a teacher.

To me, this was unforgivable. I had to correct her.

I tried to break it down for her (in a less condescending tone than she used on me, I

might add).

"If I left the 'or Kristen' part out of that sentence, I would have said, 'Let me know,' not 'Let I know,' right?" I asked, trying (and failing) to keep the exasperation out of my voice as I clamored on my soapbox to continue my English lesson. "If I said, 'If there's anything me or Kristen can do to help you,' that would have been wrong."

I gave her a sickly sweet smile and waited for a response, but she just gave me a frosty glare and went back to packing in silence.

Not that I blame her; I hate being told I'm wrong, too.

A few days later, with the grammar scene squarely behind us, she me a text message. "Thnx for ur help," it read.

I cringed inwardly – how would she like her students to hand in an assignment with those kinds of abbreviations, I wondered – but decided to let that one slide.

You can't win them all.

"You're welcome," I wrote back.

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berg church door. The Protestant Reformation is the fruit of their suffering. It exposed their persecutors and changed the course of world history. They were hated because the world hated Jesus before it hated them.

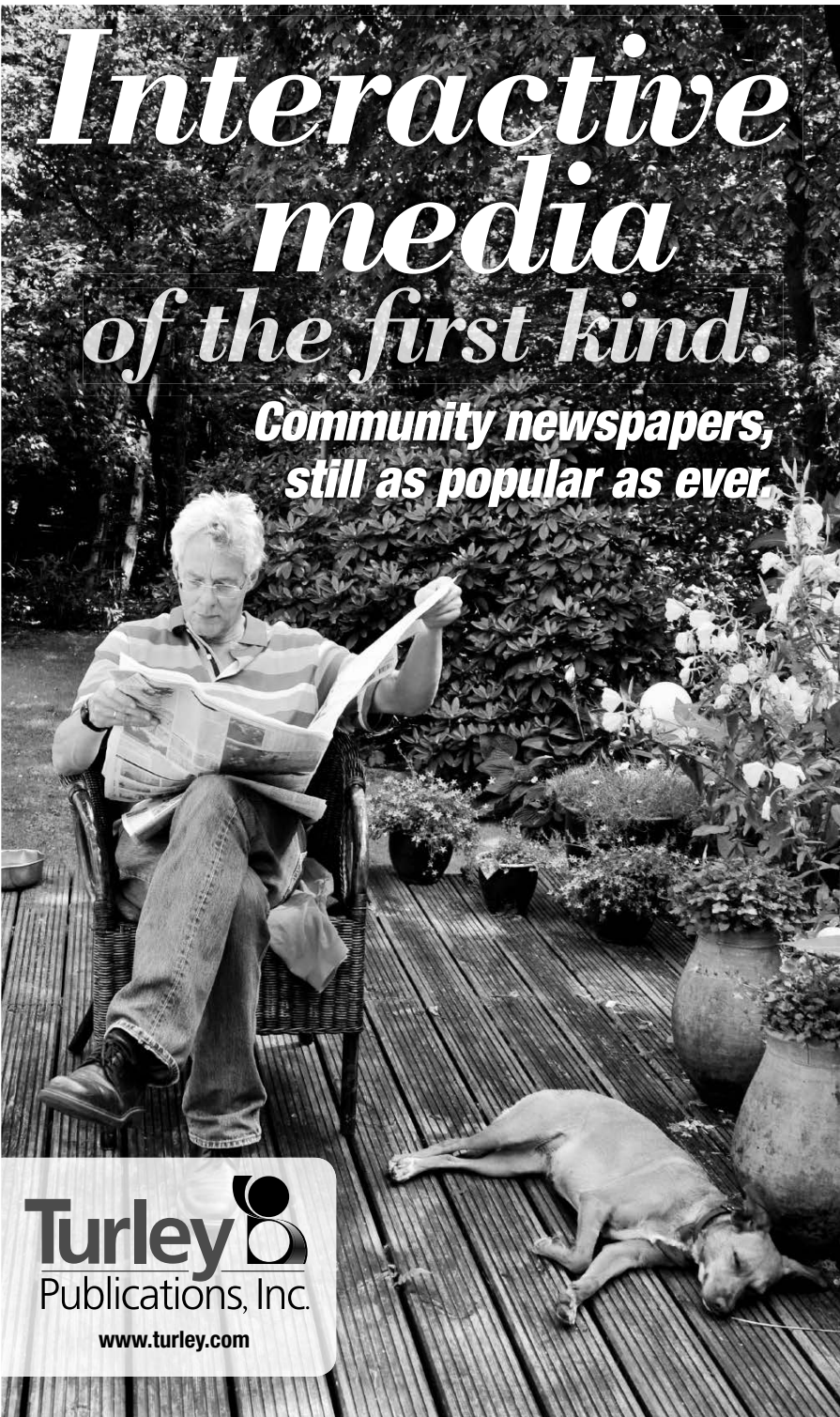
We need to expect persecution and resistance. Resistance causes the Church to grow. Our enemies need to see that we're dead serious about Christianity. The best way to defeat our enemies is by making them our friends. The greatest enemy of Christianity was Saul of Tarsus and he was never able to forget what Stephen the Martyr said, "Lord, do not charge them with this sin." (Acts

7:60) After Saul saw Jesus and repented of his sins, he became the greatest Christian that ever lived!

Romans 12:21 says "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." You can't have a testimony without being tested. Are you passing the test? What's your testimony? I've dedicated my life to be a modern-day Waldensian. Therefore, as George Duffield, Jr. wrote, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus! The strife will not be long; This day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song; To him that overcometh a crown of life shall be; He with the King of Glory shall reign eternally":

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Feeding Hills resident Randy Ennis captured this bluejay pilfering sunflower seeds recently.



This cheeky chipmunk was startled by something and clung to the knot on the log, tail out straight and not moving for about 30 seconds.



Local photographer and *Agawam Advertiser News* reader Randy Ennis had to stifle his laughter capturing this lazy squirrel on film recently. It crawled its way forward on its front paws searching for fresh sunflower seeds until it was stretched flat on the ground.

Turley Publications photos courtesy of Randy Ennis

Perry Lane Pool open for summer

AGAWAM - Perry Lane Pool is now open and the schedule is as follows:

Mondays and Wednesdays: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Perry Lane camp; 3:30 to 5 p.m., public swim; 5 to 7 p.m., swim lessons.

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Perry Lane camp; 3:30 to 6 p.m., public swim; 6 to 6:30 p.m., swim lessons.

Fridays: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Perry Lane camp; 3:30 to 6 p.m., public swim.

Saturdays and Sundays: Noon to 5 p.m., public swim.

The pool schedule is subject to change. Daily pool passes are \$1 per person and may be purchased at the pool from the lifeguard on duty.

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Disposable diapers are not permitted in the pool at any time. A cloth diaper with rubber pants or "swimmies" are recommended. Swimmers must shower before entering the pool.

Anyone with a communicable disease is not permitted in the pool. The pool may be closed due to extreme weather, special events or emergencies.

The pool director and head lifeguard on duty have authority over all pool rules and closures.

Upcoming blood drives

The American Red Cross will hold the following community blood drives during July: Wednesday, July 18, 1 to 6 p.m., OMG, 153 Bowles Road, Agawam; Friday, July 27, noon to 6 p.m., Agawam Fire Department, 800 Main St.

All eligible and new blood donors are encouraged to give blood. Blood donors are needed every day to ensure an adequate blood supply for patients in need.

In July, all presenting donors will receive a coupon for a free carton of ice cream, redeemable at any participating Friendly's restaurants. To make an appointment to donate blood, call (800) 733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org.

Rotary meeting cancelled

The Agawam Rotary Club will not meet this week due to the July 4 holiday.

For information on the Agawam Rotary, visit www.agawamrotary.org. The Agawam Rotary is a proud member of Rotary International.

As Rotarians, they sponsor local scholarships and charities and raise money for local, national, and international service projects, including the worldwide elimination of Polio and providing clean drinking water. For more information on Rotary International, visit www.rotary.org.

Feline Friends to host 'Paw Lickin' BBQ Fest'

Yummy food, live music and a local cause to support. It will all be there July 17 from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m., at the Feline Friends' Paw Lickin' BBQ Fest being held at Theodore's, 201 Worthington St. in Springfield.

Enjoy a fun night out dining on mouth-watering barbeque (vegetarian options also available) and kick back to the music of Eric French starting at 9 p.m. Meet the hard working team from Feline Friends and learn how it provides better lives for the majestic creature that is the cat.

The Paw Lickin' BBQ Fest will appeal to anyone who loves cats, live music or the food and drinks served by the great folks at Theodore's. Ten percent of the evening's proceeds will be donated to Feline Friends and will go directly to the care and sheltering of cats.

Donations needed for upcoming tag sale

WESTFIELD - The Friends of the Westfield Regional Animal Shelter dba H.E.R.O.E.S., is accepting donations for its third Annual Tag Sale. The tag sale will be held Friday, Aug. 17 and Saturday, Aug. 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Westfield Regional Animal Shelter, 178 Apremont Way (across from Barnes Airport).

H.E.R.O.E.S. is a non-profit organization, which helps with medical care and necessities for the dogs at the shelter, serving Westfield, Agawam, Granville, and West Springfield.

Donations may be dropped off at the shelter during regular business hours, Tuesday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Televisions sets and computers are not accepted. The shelter is closed on Mondays.

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Rain dates are Aug. 24 and Aug. 25.

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Homeowners in the communities of Agawam, Brimfield, Monson, Southbridge, Springfield, Sturbridge, Westfield, West Springfield and Wilbraham may be eligible for supplemental funding to address June 1, 2011 tornado repair needs not met by other funding sources. The deadline for submitting an application for assistance is 5:00 PM Wednesday, July 18, 2012.

For a fact sheet and application, please contact Laurel Foley-Beauchesne Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, 60 Congress Street, Springfield, MA 01104 at (413) 781-6045 or by email at lfoley-beauchesne@pvpc.org.

EARLY DEADLINE

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Families

Garvin places 1st in qualifying golf tourney

Angela Garvin, 11 year-old Feeding Hills resident and Junior golfer at The Ranch Golf Club in Southwick, qualified for the World Juniors Optimist Championship Golf tournament to be held at the PGA National Golf Club in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. in late July.

She qualified Sunday, June 24 at Rehoboth Country Club in Rehoboth, Mass., shooting 87, taking first place in the girls' 12 and under division.

Scouts collecting books for Ronald McDonald House

Agawam Girl Scout Junior Troop 11435 is collecting books for the Ronald McDonald House in Springfield as part of its Bronze Award project. Books in all languages and for all ages, child to adult, are needed. New and used books will be accepted.

Drop-off locations will be at the U.S. Post Office on Springfield Street in Feeding Hills and Suffield Street in Agawam, Smart Start Preschool, Agawam Public Library, St. John's Church and Vitruvian Chiropractic Center in West Springfield. Books will be accepted from July 1 through July 29. Arrangements for pick-up may be made by calling Mel at 789-3556.

Carney graduates from basic training

Air National Guard Airman Bryan J. Carney graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Carney, a 2002 graduate of Agawam High School, is the son of John Carney, of Feeding Hills. He earned an associate degree in 2008 from Springfield Technical Community College.

Summer Reading Program for tots to teens

All youngsters from tots to teens are invited to join the annual Summer Reading Program at the Agawam Library. "Dream Big ... Read" is the statewide theme of the program, which runs from June 26 through Aug. 10. Registration may be done online at www.readsinma.org, www.agawamlibrary.org, or at the children's desk at the library.

Bingo-for-Books: On Monday, July 2 at 6:30 p.m., the Agawam Junior Women's Club hosts Bingo-for-Books for children entering grades K-4. Have fun playing Bingo and win books for prizes. Registration is required.

Summer Funtastic Festival: The Library Junior Volunteers will offer lots of fun activities for all children ages 3 and up Wednesday, July 18 anytime from 5 to 7 p.m. Have fun playing games, making giant bubbles, crafts, and face-painting.

Drum away the Blues with Craig Harris: On Monday, July 23 at 6 p.m., children ages 3 and up can celebrate the joys, excitement and fun of reading in this multicultural program. Enjoy songs, stories, stories, and interactive percussion playing. This program is funded by the Agawam Cultural Council.

Teddy Bears Dream Picnic: Children ages 3 and up are invited to bring their favorite teddy bear to a special picnic Wednesday, July 25, at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy stories, songs, a craft, a special snack and lots of fun. Presented by Agawam Library Teen Volunteers.

Nighttime Crafts: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. for ages 8 to 12. July 11 - Assemble a unique "Dream Collage"; Aug. 1 - "Sensational Scrapbook Fun"

(bring 8-10 photos, the library will supply the rest).

Dream with Mother Goose: Monday, July 9, 16, 23 and 30, 10 a.m. for ages birth to 3. Have lots of fun as you join Mother Goose for stories, rhymes, fingerplays, music and dance.

Summer Family Storytime: For ages 3 and up. No registration required. Tuesday, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and Aug. 7 at 6 p.m. or Thursday June 28, July 5, 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2 and 9 at 10 a.m. Join us for fun stories, rhymes, music and a simple craft.

Agawam Library Summer Reading Friday Movie Matinee: Fridays at 3 p.m. For all ages. Children under 12 years must be accompanied by an adult. For movie listings, visit www.agawamlibrary.org.



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Alana Ford, 14, of Feeding Hills, former student at PVMS, offering face painting to current school students

Celebrating recovery

Families of the Pioneer Valley Montessori School in Springfield came out to a block party Saturday, June 2. The party, held in the play area was to celebrate the community's recovery from the effects of last year's tornado and to thank school families and greater community members for all the help that they had received. The board of trustees of the school grilled food, various musicians performed and the children participated in many activities.

On the shelf at
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Human Rights Posters Display

The Agawam Public Library will display the Human Rights Posters collection of Stephen Lewis for the month of July. Lewis, a long-time activist in the labor movement, has a collection of more than 3,800 posters. He is currently the treasurer of Service Employees International Union, Local 509. Posters will be available from two groups - Amnesty International and labor unions. The posters were contributed by friends and collected at conferences.

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Seniors

Notes from the Music Room

By Darcy Davis

We will continue this week to list more of the “big books” on the upper shelf of the Music Room. They include “Tin Pan Alley,” “Hollywood’s Magic People,” “Make It Again Sam,” “All Talking – All Singing – All Dancing,” “The Mighty Hippodrome,” “Citizen Kane,” “Sights and Sounds of the Swing Era,” “Broadway Musicals of the 1930s,” “Sondheim & Company,” and “Lerner and Loewe Song Book.”

Before leaving the shelf of oversized books, we would like to go into more detail about the specific content of

one to illustrate the type of information that is available. “The Melody Lingers On – The Great Songwriters and Their Movie Musicals” is an oversized book of 388 pages, including 150 photographs and a detailed filmography for each movie, listing more than 800 movies and 2,000 songs. Included are chapters for Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, Jerome Kern, Cole Porter, Richard Rogers and Harry Warren.

Also included are Harold Arlen, Ralph Rainger, Richard Whiting, Jimmy McHugh, Arthur Schwartz, Nacio Herb Brown, James Van Heusen, Jule Styne, Frank Loesser, and Hoagy Carmichael. They all welcome your visit.

‘Indian Motorcycle Day’ is back

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Museums will present its third annual Indian Motorcycle Day, a revival of the long-standing celebration and rally of the classic motorcycles that were manufactured in the city from 1901 to 1953.

Indian Day will take place Sunday, July 15, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the grounds of the Springfield Museums at the Quadrangle. The event is sponsored by the Sampson Family in honor of Esta Manthos.

From 1970 until 2005, Indian Day was held at the now-closed Indian Motorcycle Museum on Hendee Street in Springfield. Esta Manthos, the former museum’s owner, spent more than four decades collecting Indian Motorcycles, artifacts and memorabilia. In 2007, she donated her extensive collection to the Springfield Museums where it is now on view in the Lyman & Merrie Wood Museum of Springfield History.

In addition to the motorcycles on display, there will be vendors, food and beverages, music played by a DJ, and the awarding of trophies. Commemorative T-shirts will be available for purchase. Anyone bringing a pre-1953 Indian will receive two free adult admissions plus a commemorative Indian Day button.

Admission is \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and college students, and \$8 for children ages 3-17. The fee provides admission to Indian Day events and all four Springfield Museums. Springfield residents are free with proof of address.

The Springfield Museums are located at the Quadrangle at 21 Edwards St. in downtown Springfield. Summer hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agawam Senior Center lunch menu

Monday, July 2: Chicken gratin, scalloped potatoes, diced carrots, apples.

Tuesday, July 3: Mushroom cheeseburger, macaroni salad, lettuce and tomato, Jell-O.

Wednesday, July 4: Senior Center closed - 4th of July observed.

Thursday, July 5: Roast chicken cacciatore, peppers and onions, pasta and sauce, peaches.

Friday, July 6: Cream of potato soup, eggplant grinder, cucumber salad, pudding.

Senior Center’s weekly calendar of events

Monday, July 2: Free Hearing Test by Ear Masters (by appt.); 8:15 a.m., Weight Training, Yoga; 9:30 a.m., Line Dancing, Walking Club; 11:30 a.m., GentleYoga; 1 p.m., Bingo; 5 p.m., Zumba with Donna.

Tuesday, July 3: 9:30 a.m., Shuffleboard (St. John’s Field); 11:30 a.m., Music w/John Thorp; 12:30 p.m., Ladies Billiards, Mah Jongg, Movie (“Zoo Keeper”); 4:15 p.m., Yoga; 6 p.m., Beginners Line Dancing; 6:30 p.m., Evening Sewing Class.

Wednesday, July 4: Senior Center closed – 4th of July observed.

Thursday, July 5: 10 a.m., Line Dancing II; 11:45 a.m., Beginner Line Dance; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Pitch; 2 p.m., Melody Band Practice; 6:30 p.m., Pitch.

Friday, July 6: 9:15 a.m., Oil Painting; 9:30 a.m., Walking Club, Hand and Foot Card Game; 10 a.m., Tai Chi; 11:15 a.m., Yoga; Noon, Canasta; 1 p.m., Cribbage; 5 p.m., Zumba with Donna.

Council approves land-taking

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land-taking was in place.

“It is my understanding that we need to take this land,” he said.

Rossi went on to state that the project – which was split up into six phases of \$3.7 million per phase – is “vital” to the town of Agawam. It will expand the tax base and give economic stability in the future, he said.

“We have started the most valuable project for this community; a project that must be seen to its completion,” said Rossi.

Councilor Cecilia P. Calabrese questioned how many homeowners intended to hook up to the sewer system while Councilor George Bitzas suggested the council consider a mandatory connection.

“I don’t have a problem starting the land-taking now,” he said, adding, “Before we make a final decision to vote on the project and spend the money, we need to have a discussion about mandatory connection.”

Not doing so would be doing the town a disservice, he said.

Council Vice President Dennis J. Perry

said it is vital the town get sewer service hooked up to that portion of Feeding Hills. He called it “an investment in future property values,” and told the council it needs to look long-term.

“The longer we delay it, the more cost it’s going to incur to the town – to the taxpayers – in the long-run,” he said. The town will reap the benefits of the project in the future, he said. “I really feel we need to keep moving forward with this project.”

Councilor Joseph Mineo reiterated Perry’s sentiments, and said the town has already started its investment.

“There’s still a desperate need for folks in that area to get some relief,” he said.

The council passed both resolutions relating to the land-taking by a vote of 9-2.

In other news, the city council voted to accept a gift of materials and labor from Mario Tedeschi, owner of Allied Flooring and Paint and Sam Hajrizi of Green Stone Landscaping to the Agawam Municipal Golf Course to construct a stone fence to protect and enhance the first tee area.

The value of the gift is estimated at \$3,500.

Abatements pass council vote

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cause of that, some miscalculations were made,” said Rossi.

Assessors charged for undeveloped land in the A-1 and A-2 residential zones if the units were abutting the new sewer line. Residents must pay assessments for units abutting the sewer line regardless of whether the property has been developed.

DePalma’s two properties are in the A-3 Residential zone. Those assessments are different according to the law, and are assessed at eight units per acre of land.

Rossi said the committee found out that one of the properties – assessed at 181 units – could not be assessed because the law also requires 150 feet of frontage for assessment. The property only has 50 feet of frontage and the units being assessed were for the rear of the property.

“It was not fair, so we granted the abatement in that case,” said Rossi. “But if and when Ralph (DePalma) develops those properties and hooks them up to the sewer line, he will be charged a betterment for each unit he develops.”

DePalma said at one abatement hearing he

is not planning to develop the property anytime soon.

The second property, which is owned by DePalma and Tirone, is assessed at 212 units based on acreage. That assessment was reduced to 24 units. It was determined with 550 feet of frontage on the property, three separate parcels could exist and were each assessed for eight units according to the A-3 zone, Rossi said.

“He has to pay for the front of that property now because it abuts the sewer line,” said Rossi.

Further betterments will be charged depending on how many units are developed in rear of the property.

The entire process has brought to light zoning issues that need to be modernized and better defined to ensure that future sewer projects are assessed fairly. “I am planning on meeting and sitting down with our ordinance committee soon to work on the zoning ordinances that affected this,” said Rossi.

In reaching a conclusion of resolution on DePalma’s properties, Rossi said the sewer betterment law requires betterments be made equal for each unit.

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Public Safety

Fire Log

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 71 EMS calls for the week of June 19 to June 25.

On June 19 at 8:48 a.m., the department responded to Silver Street for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.

On June 19 at 3:30 p.m., the department responded to Rowley Street for unauthorized burning.

On June 19 at 8:07 p.m., the department responded to River Road for unauthorized burning.

On June 19 at 8:35 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for a lockout.

On June 19 at 8:39 p.m., the department responded to Edgewater Road for no incident found on arrival at dispatch address.

On June 20 at 4:41 a.m., the department was dispatched to Cardinal Drive but was cancelled en route.

On June 20 at 6:10 a.m., the department responded to Memorial Drive for water evacuation.

On June 20 at 9:47 a.m., the department responded to Edgewater Road for arcing, shorted electrical equipment.

On June 20 at 10:02 a.m., the department responded to Gold Street for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.

On June 20 at 10:32 a.m., the department responded to Alfred Court for smoke detector activation due to malfunction.

On June 20 at 1:54 p.m., the department responded to James Street for a smoke scare, odor of smoke.

On June 20 at 5:52 p.m., the department responded to Route 57 east at South Westfield Street for a grass fire.

On June 21 at 12:06 a.m., the department responded to Pineview Circle for carbon monoxide detector activation due to malfunction.

On June 21 at 3:31 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.

On June 22 at 8:10 a.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for gasoline or other flammable liquid spill.

On June 22 at 8:43 a.m., the department responded to Leonard Street to assist invalid.

On June 22 at 2:59 p.m., the department responded to Barry Street for alarm system sounding due to malfunction.

On June 22 at 3:22 p.m., the department responded to Peros Drive for a lockout.

On June 22 at 4:13 p.m., the department responded to Barry Street

for alarm system sounding due to malfunction.

On June 22 at 5:26 p.m., the department responded to Riverview Avenue for a passenger vehicle fire.

On June 23 at 10:59 a.m., the department responded to Rhodes Avenue for a lockout.

On June 23 at 11:26 a.m., the department responded to North Westfield Street for carbon monoxide incident.

On June 23 at 3:59 p.m., the department was dispatched to Suffield Street but was canceled en route.

On June 23 at 8:12 p.m., the department responded to High Street for no incident found on arrival at dispatch address.

On June 24 at 8:05 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for a motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On June 24 at 1:50 p.m., the department responded to Southwick Street for a motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On June 25 at 8:28 a.m., the department responded to Coventry Lane for a lightning strike (no fire).

On June 25 at 5:56 p.m., the department responded to Route 5 north for a good intent call.

Police Log

The Agawam Police Department responded to 355 calls from June 19 to June 25. The department made nine arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Tuesday, June 19

A 15-year-old juvenile from Agawam was arrested on a charge of domestic assault and battery.

Thursday, June 21

Michael A. Scott, 21, of 313 Springfield St., Apt. 6, Agawam, was arrested on a default warrant for failure to appear and a charge of possession of Class A drug.

Kyle Aw Salgado, 26, of 663 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

Friday, June 22

James Mekele Miller, 25, of 140 Meadowbrook Road, Agawam, was arrested on an arrest warrant.

A 15-year-old juvenile from Miami, Fla., was arrested on charges of assault and/or assault and battery on pregnant person, and domestic assault and battery.

Saturday, June 23

Gleb Leiderman, 27, of 58 Empire St., Chicopee, was arrested on charges of domestic assault and battery and use of motor vehicle without authority.

Gregory Finn, 20, of 297 Coffin Ave., New Bedford, was arrested on a charge of receiving stolen property over \$250.

Jamal Vertentes, 17, of 78 Phillips Ave., New Bedford, was arrested on a charge of receiving stolen property over \$250.

Sunday, June 24

A 15-year-old juvenile from Feeding Hills was arrested on a charge of domestic assault and battery.

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- Yes (Arabic)
- Pallas' scat
- Tonight's host
- Isinglass
- Frogs, toads, tree toads
- Solemnly renounce
- Billiards stick
- Twin City university
- Cause to be beloved
- Illuminated by stars
- Scratch
- Skullcap
- Iron Chancellor Von Bismarck
- Two things coming together
- One who imitates another
- Mistake

- A shade of a color
- Evening parties
- The first canonical hour
- Examines animals
- Fed
- One who left a dangerous place
- Fragrant iris rootstock
- Nothing more than specified
- Indigo
- ____ off; dismisses (Br. slang)
- Own (Scottish)
- Deep, slimy soil
- W. African language
- Office of Urban Development
- Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- Grassland, meadow

CLUES DOWN

- The genus Rhus

- The 7th planet
- 17th century courtance
- Hill site of Rome's 1st settlement
- One of the common people
- Saccharum bengalense
- Liquorice-flavored liqueur
- A waterproof raincoat
- Actress Thurman
- An inferior dog
- A disdainful grimace
- Actress Bacall
- Moderate to inferior in quality
- Atomic #86
- Queen's Gambit defense
- Behave in a certain manner
- The 17th Greek letter
- Not achieving a purpose
- Rubber wheels (Br. var.)
- Centrally placed
- Showed submission or fear
- One of the Greats
- "Honeymooners" neighbor Ed
- Money-dispensing machine
- Actress Zadora
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In the Classroom

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



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Megan Ripke and Kathleen Stempel, center, were awarded scholarships from the Agawam Junior Women’s Club at Awards Night held earlier this month at Agawam High School. Presenting the awards are Scholarship Committee Chair Janine Iacolo, left, and club member Ginny Stempel, right.



Agawam High School graduate Maura Curran (right) received a Boston University scholarship from Geraldine Schilling-Nordal at a reception held by the organization recently at the Southwick Library.



Agawam Junior Women’s Club members Betsie Stassen, left, and Ginny Stempel, right, present scholarships to Agawam High School graduating seniors Maura Curran, Cassidy Cunningham, Stephanie Roulier, Liana Blais, Leticia Santa, and Leisl Bard.

Realtor Association awards scholarships

AGAWAM - This year marks the 38th year the Realtor Association of Pioneer Valley has awarded scholarships to area high school graduates about to enter college. Twenty students were awarded a total of \$10,024. Among those receiving scholarships is Agawam High School graduate Zachary Landry, who will be attending Holyoke Community College as a pre-forestry/environmental science major. He is the son of Kim Landry.

The students were honored at a banquet held June 12 at The Log Cabin in Holyoke.

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Leisl Bard	Christopher Fontaine	Kaitlynn McLaughlin	Nadezhda Savonina
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CAMPUS NOTES...

Bryant University: Sean Walsh, of Agawam, and Richard Porfilio, of Feeding Hills were named to the spring semester dean's list.

College of the Holy Cross: Michael Paulin, of Agawam, was named to the second semester dean's list.

Eastern Nazarene College: Feeding Hills resident Jessica Saimeri graduated from Eastern Nazarene College recently, receiving Bachelor of Science degree.

Fitchburg State University: James E. Paleologopoulos, of Agawam, and Ashley E. Clinton, Erica J. Graves, Elizabeth J. McMullan and Timothy J. Michalak, of Feeding Hills, were named to the spring semester dean's list.

Mount Ida College: William Krach, of Agawam, was named to the spring semester dean's list.

Salem State University: Feeding Hills residents Rebecca Montano and Sean Ouimette, were named to the spring semester's dean's list.

Siena College: Cameron Paleologopoulos, of Feeding Hills, was placed on the spring semester president's list.

Union College: Thomas Albano, of Agawam, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in bio-engineering.

UMass Dartmouth: Agawam residents Jillian Van Ness and Feeding Hills residents Denise Gates and Stephanie Scherpa were named to the spring semester dean's list.

University of Hartford: Lindsay Strole, of Agawam, Brett Lombardi, of Feeding Hills, Stanislav Shpanin, of Agawam, and Eleni Zouridakis, of Agawam, graduated at ceremonies held last month. Agawam residents Eleni Zouridakis, Kevin Paulin and Lindsey Strole, and Feeding Hills residents Meaghan Foley and Brett Lombardini were named to the spring semester dean's list.

University of New Haven: Brittney M. Bussiere, of Agawam, has been named to the spring semester dean's list.

University of Rhode Island: Cairlin M. Hurley of Agawam and Kelly Ann Grindle, of Feeding Hills were named to the spring semester dean's list.

Westfield State University: Ryan Rackliffe and Kate May, both of Feeding Hills, were named to the spring semester dean's list.

Western New England University: Christina D. Barbarisi, of Feeding Hills, received the Female Scholar Athlete of the Year Award during Baccalaureate ceremonies. She graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute: Autumn Paro, of Agawam, was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in physics and Joseph McGeoghan, of Feeding Hills, was awarded a Master of Science degree in manufacturing and engineering at ceremonies held May 12. Brianna Newton, of Agawam, was named to the spring semester dean's list.

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Students take tea on TITANIC

Students in Debra Buzzee's third grade class at Robinson Park Elementary School brought the history of the Titanic to life recently with the annual "Titanic Tea" party. This year marked the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic on its maiden voyage across the Atlantic Ocean. The ocean liner struck an iceberg April 14, 1912 and sank in the early morning hours of April 15, 1912.

As part of the Titanic Tea, students conducted experiments with ice and studied the history of the doomed ship. The capstone of the event was the formal tea served. Students were delighted to dress in their best attire, elect a captain and first mates, practice proper English and show their impeccable manners.

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Captain Colin Shlosser, 9, wished all his passengers, " a great sailing to all on board today."



Standing aboard the ship, the class gave an educational presentation to everyone that attended, reciting the ship's history through words and music.



A moment to remember. (From left) Miss Kaylie Lupien, Mr. Emanuel Kodreanu, Miss Hanna Bartolucci and Miss Mackenzie Ritchie.



Miss Sofia Ruiz dressed in her finest blue satin for her presentation.



Students sipped "tea" while dining on delectable cupcakes kindly made by a parent.



Proper manners and etiquette were demonstrated by all the students as they enjoyed the presentation.

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SPORTS

West falls to Central in Shriners Classic

By Nate Rosenthal
Turley Publications
Sports Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD – The 12th annual Shrine Chowder Bowl All-Star Classic took place Friday, pitting graduating seniors from Central and Western Massachusetts.

While this is an honor for those chosen and a chance to play one last game, this is an event that lets them help other less fortunate than themselves.

The proceeds of the game go to the Shriners Hospital in Springfield. This hospital provides its patients with care regardless of their ability to pay. Since its inception in 2001, the Classic has raised about \$91,500 for the benefit of the patients. Months before the game, the players from Central and West were given a tour of the hospital and they got to meet the children. That put a different perspective on what this is all about. And the added incentive for the players becomes quite evident. The anticipation of this game and the honor of playing in it drives these athletes. The game again is for many, the last game they would play and a chance to suit up with players from their region that they have seen from across the field over the years. When one talks to the players, helping the kids at the hospital and playing against ri-

vals is always at the top the list. The game itself was a far cry from last year's Central blow out. It was a highly competitive game that revolved around mistakes. When the Central team scored on its first drive and the West then followed with a touchdown, it appeared as though this was going to be a slugfest. It was anything but that. After a couple of exchanges, the Centrals put together a drive that wound up in the end zone in the first 30 seconds of the second quarter. That would be the end of the scoring.

The Central team received to begin the game and quickly moved the ball downfield. They got a first and goal and when Dan Flink of Auburn pounded it in at 8:36, they took the lead. Brandon Steff made the extra point for a 7-0 lead. Heineman, employing the Minnechaug no huddle, got the ball down field in a hurry. They got great field position, when Melquawn Pinkney of Putnam returned the kickoff near midfield. Longmeadow's TJ Norris ran hard and Pinkney caught a couple of key passes. Norris took the ball in for the West score at the six-minute mark. There would be no more scoring until 11:22 of the second quarter, when Luis Feliz of Clinton took the ball in from 5 yards out. That would be the last score of the game.

With three minutes to go, AJ Efstratios of Agawam intercepted



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Agawam's AJ Efstratios (32) comes in to help bring down a Central ballcarrier.

a pass at his own 25-yard line and the West had one more chance. Heineman was back in the game and helped the West offense get the ball downfield quickly. While Central took away the long pass routes, Heineman was successful

underneath, finding Pinkney and Conner Laraway of Westfield. The West got as close as the Central 25 before they were stopped. They gave up the ball on downs and Central ran out the last 40 seconds. Pinkney was the offensive MVP

and teammate Takeem Streeter picked up the defensive award.

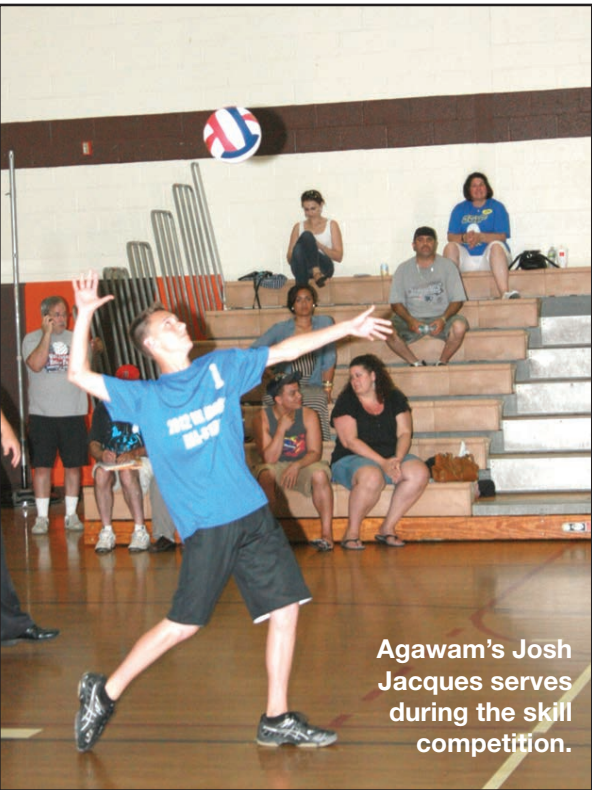
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Agawam hosts volleyball all-stars

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM – The first-ever National Volleyball Hall of Fame High School All-Star Game held at Agawam High School was a success with more than 100 people attending the skills competition and the three-set exhibition with players representing several of the top teams in Western Massachusetts.

The inaugural game was not so much of a game but more of a celebration of the sport of volleyball and something the initial participants were thrilled to be a part of.



Agawam's Josh Jacques serves during the skill competition.

Agawam's Brandon D'Amours, who graduated high school last week, has won a Western Massachusetts championship, was a runner up this season, and helped lead his team to a combined 36-1 regular season record the past two years and a 5-1 record in tournament games.

The All-Star game berth meant the most to him. "This is such a great opportunity," said D'Amours, who won the spike speed challenge with a spike clocked at 46 miles per hour. "This gives us one more chance to play a game with each other."

D'Amours commented on the growth of volleyball during the past few years, saying an All-Star Game in Western Mass. is long overdue with the Volleyball Hall of Fame a short way away in Holyoke.

"Volleyball is very misunderstood," said D'Amours. "This is a popular sport and it requires a lot of skill."

Chicopee Comprehensive High School coach Al Dobson said the game is a great thing for the students and he is glad to see it happening. Dobson, who coached this year's sectional champions, received the honor of coaching one of the teams.

"Hopefully this game will draw some more attention to the sport," said Dobson. "It's great seeing volleyball be recognized."

The game was posed by the Hall of Fame's Director George Mulry, who also coaches volleyball in Longmeadow for girls.

"We wanted a place to showcase the talent," said Mulry. "We are looking for awareness for the sport and for people to recognize the high level of play that happens in high school volleyball. We want people to realize that volleyball is more than just a fun sport people play in the backyard or on the beach."

Mulry confirmed a girls all-star game will happen in the fall in between the playoffs and beginning of the winter season.

Luis Cabral of Holyoke High School, was one of two players representing the Purple Knights, who reached the tournament for the second straight year. He said the game is an honor for himself.

"It's really amazing," said Cabral. "I didn't believe my coach when she told me I was going. This is a great way for us to show everyone what Western Mass. volleyball can do."

Little League moves on to playoffs

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – Agawam Little League has already completed their regular in-town season, but the campaign is just heating up as they prepare to send their Little League All-Stars to the dance for some district competition against area all-star teams as they make another attempt toward the Little League World Series.

Just two years ago, the 9-10 All-Stars, which have now been added to the Little League World Series, made it into the second round of the state tournament.

Now, that team will most likely represent the 11-12 All-Stars, which took the field beginning on Monday evening when they faced Belchertown on the road.

Agawam's 9/10 All-Stars have a much different schedule than in past years as they faced Southampton on the road Wednesday night and will host Longmeadow Thursday at 6 p.m. They will then host a team representing the Gateway region near Huntington on July 3 and then face Northampton on the road on July 5.

The top two teams from Agawam's pool and a second pool consisting of other area All-Star teams, including two from Westfield, will fight in the semifinals and finals for the District 2 Championship, a game Agawam hopes to find themselves in as they seek to move forward after missing out last season.

The 11-12 roster includes several players from last year's 10-11 team, which will allow good continuity for the team heading into the tournament.

Their schedule has also changed for this season, as the pools have placed Agawam in the same pool as Westfield's two All-Star Teams. Agawam faced Westfield North in the finals two years ago before moving into the state tournament.

Agawam's 11-12 team gets started tomorrow night as they pursue the District 2 title. They will face Westfield North on the road. They then take a few days off for the holiday weekend and face Gateway on Monday.

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ATHLETE *of the Week*

Rheault delivers in clutch for Lady Brownies



Turley Publications photo by Gregory A. Scibelli

Faith Rheault delivered a key hit in Agawam's win over Minechaug in the Western Mass finals.

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – With two big doubles in the Western Massachusetts Division 1 Tournament finals, Faith Rheault showed why she belonged on the varsity since freshman year, actively contributing to the Brownies sectional softball championship.

Rheault's seventh inning double keyed a comeback that

drove in the tying run and the junior would score the eventual winning run as the Brownies beat Minnechaug 6-4.

Rheault is the choice for the final Agawam Advertiser News Athlete of the Week for the 2011-2012 school year.

After being brought up to the varsity as a freshman part-way through the season, Rheault was inserted into the lineup at second base, and made a seamless transition. She gave pitchers a different look as she was one of the only left-handed hitters featured in the Agawam lineup.

Starting to play softball in the seventh grade, Rheault made a name for herself in youth leagues as a pitcher.

"I was a pitcher first, and infield was always my second position," Rheault said. "But I have played third, second, and shortstop."

When Maurisa Ollari graduated last year, a hole at third base opened up and Rheault became a permanent fixture there the entire season, a season that saw Agawam have some struggles, but ultimately get strong when tournament time came.

"We started really strong and we knew what we had to do," said Rheault. "We got it together when we needed to."

Rheault believes her role in the lineup as the number five hitter has been to drive in runs.

"Most of the season, I would come up with runners on base so it was my job to find a way to drive them in," said Rheault.

That attitude led her to a huge RBI double that scored Ally Charette with the tying run in the final inning.

Hitting is considered a strength for Rheault, and she was one of just two Agawam hitters to get a hit in the Brownies state semifinal loss two weeks ago against eventual state champion Milford.

Rheault is a member of the National Honor Society and has sang in the top 40 for three years. Prior to the start of the finals against Minnechaug, Rheault sang a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem.

She also plays volleyball at the high school and for the Western Mass Intensity, a traveling tournament team.

She reflected on the Brownies season.

"We had a very good season and a couple of tough losses that really prepared us for that big game (against Minnechaug)," she said. "Helping to win that game really was a great feeling and knowing all my hard work had paid off."

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Parks and Rec news and events

AGAWAM - The Parks and Recreation Department has a new Summer Activities and Camps brochure available online at www.agawam.ma.us.

The Parks and Recreation Department has limited Red Sox tickets available for July 20 and Aug. 5. For more information, call 413-821-0513.

Golf tourney to benefit Parish Cupboard

WEST SPRINGFIELD – The 20th Annual Parish Cupboard Golf Outing will be held Monday, July 16 at St. Anne Country Club in Feeding Hills. The event will feature tournament contests, hole-in-one prizes, a special raffle, dinner and awards program.

Registration will take place from 10 to 11 a.m. with an 11 a.m. shotgun start. Cocktails will be served at 4 p.m. and a buffet dinner with awards beginning at 5 p.m.

Cost for four, including sponsorship, is \$500; individuals, \$100. Dinner only is available for \$25.

For more information, call 413-734-7969 or email parishcupboard@aol.com.

'Scramble for Animals' slated for Aug. 12

AGAWAM - Volunteers of the Westfield Homeless Cat Project and Friends of the Westfield Regional Animal Shelter, dba H.E.R.O.E.S., will host a "Scramble for Animals" at Oak Ridge Golf Club, Sunday, Aug. 12.

Registration is at 11:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m.

The cost is \$90 and includes golf, cart, lunch, dinner and prizes. A cash prize of \$700 will be awarded for a hole-in-one in addition to a \$3,500 prize (pool or spa) from Teddy Bear Pools and Spas. A cash prize of \$100 will be awarded to closest to the pin, male and female as well as \$50 for longest drive, male and female.

A donation of \$50 will sponsor a hole which can be a business, a love one's name or a pet's name or in memory of such. Raffle prize donations are accepted.

Registration and sponsorship forms with a check or money order should be received by July 15. They may be mailed to Marie Boccasile, 11 Second Ave., Westfield, MA 01085.

For more information, call 413-564-0589 or email mebocc@yahoo.com.

Teams wanted for Casagrande Tournament

LUDLOW - The 11th annual Lou Casagrande Baseball Tournament is set for July 25-29.

Teams are needed in all divisions for this tournament.

The cost is \$275 per team with a guarantee of at least three games.

No refunds will be allowed.

The rain date is Aug. 1-5.

Contact Bob Bohl at 413-348-5752 or bohl158@charter.net for more information.

Retirement party to honor Piranhas coach

AGAWAM - A retirement party in honor of Piranhas coach Sue Torrey will be held Sunday, July 22 from 4:30 to 8 p.m. at the Perry Lane Pavilion and Pool.

Dinner will be served at 4:30

p.m. and will include hamburgers, hotdogs, macaroni and pasta salads, soda and cake.

A DJ will perform from 6 to 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for

children 12 and under, and must be purchased in advance.

For tickets, email John Torrey at jqtiii@yahoo.com or Mary Lubarsky at MFL68@comcast.net.

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Agawam then returns home to host Longmeadow on July 6 and Westfield South on July 9 to round out their schedule.

All all-star games at home are played at Memorial Field on School Street in Agawam and are all scheduled for 6 p.m. start times. For more information including full rosters and schedules, go to www.agawamlittleleague.com

In addition to the all-star tournaments, Agawam Little League announced they will host a tournament in July. They will co-host a Jimmy Fund Tournament with Easthampton. The tournament will invite any District 2 teams to participate and run from July 16-22 for 10 and under teams and July 23-29 for 12 and under teams.

Information on entering the tournament is also on the Agawam Little League website.

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Agawam U14 squads capture titles at Cape Cod Tournament



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The Agawam U14 boys and girls teams each won their respective championship out on Cape Cod over Memorial Day weekend.

SANDWICH - The Agawam U14 boys and girls Pioneer Valley Soccer teams traveled to Cape Cod this past Memorial Day weekend and each came home with the top spot, capturing each of the “A” division titles of the Cape Cod Soccer Challenge.

The girls team had to grunt out a grueling playoff schedule on Monday having to win games in one day to win the title. The girls first win was a convincing 3-1 win over Barrington. The girls next foe was a familiar face in Ludlow. Ludlow came out early and posted an early 1-0 lead, but midway through the second half Agawam struck twice and came out on top 2-1.

The win over Ludlow put the girls in the finals against MTOC participant Dracut. Agawam scored early in the first half and hung on for the 1-0 win.

Coach Bill Scherpa said, “The girls played great and I’m very proud of them. It was great to see Agawam do so well out here. The girls played their hearts out winning the three games today and earned every inch of that trophy.”

The boys team took a similar route, having to win two sudden death games to capture the crown. The boys team played Luisitana of Rhode Island in the semifinal game Monday. The Luisitana squad was undefeated in league and tournament play all season. The game was tied 2-2 and headed into sudden death overtime. Agawam lost the toss and was awarded the ball.

What happened next was something for the memory books. Trevor Lyne put the ball down at midfield and when the referee blew the whistle to start the OT, Lyne blasted a



The Agawam Tigers won the championship at the Virginia Beach Spring Soccer Classic. Pictured are: back row (from left to right) coach Brian Regnier, Sean Moore, Anthony Sciarтели, Tyler Graves, Trevor Lyne, Brendan Garvey, Chris Noto, Austin Sabadosa and coach Joe Sciarтели. Middle: Eugene Cone. Front: ball boy Dino Stellato, Ball Boy Andrew Regnier, Nico Stellato, Joe Mozdzanowski, Steve Ludtke, John Morris, Cam Ver-ville, Justin Hersom and Tym Regnier.

shot from the dot and it sailed through the air and in the upper corner of the net, ending the game and sending the Tigers to the championship.

Coach Brian Regnier said, “In 35 years of soccer I have never, ever, seen anything like that. Trevor is amazing, he asked me on his way out what I thought and I said we had the wind so give it a rip. It was like hitting a bulls-eye from 60 yards away. It was unreal.”

In the championship, the Tigers were tied again 2-2 after regulation. Moments into the OT Brendan Garvey ended the game on an effort goal from the left side, sending the team into a frenzy. The boys all stayed to

watch the girls capture their championship on the other field and relished in two great wins.

Regnier said, “It was great. Both teams supported each other and watched each other’s games. That really means allot. Billy and I were very proud of the kids and how well they represented themselves.”

Boys also win in Virginia

The Agawam tigers traveled to Virginia for the Virginia Beach Spring Soccer Classic and came home with the top spot, defeating North Carolina 2-0 to clinch the championship

LACROSSE CHAMPS



The Agawam girls sixth grade lacrosse team.

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AGAWAM - The Agawam girls sixth grade lacrosse team won all four of its divisional games, taking the championship title for 2012 at the Connecticut River Valley tournament held June 9 at AHS.

Team members include: back row (from left to right) coach Pete Signorelli, players

Quinn Hunt, Eliza Timms, Liz Milliken, Sabrina Christie, Laura Snow, Emily Habrat, Abbie Hoban, Caitlin Normayle and coach Tom Reid. Middle row: Sara Lubarsky, Grace Rinaldi, Kelly Colwell, Nicole Mercadante, Ana Reid, and Isabella Yacovone. Front row: Mariana Reid, Nina Signorelli, Hannah Gates, Bianca DeSimone, Kristen Fellion and Cassandra Jones.

Flash rally to tie Mutiny



Turley Publications photo by Gregory A. Scibelli

Kate Howarth dribbles near midfield. She scored two goals in the Mutiny’s 3-3 tie against Western New York Sunday.

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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EAST LONGMEADOW – The New England Mutiny held a lead heading into half-time against one of the toughest teams in the Women’s Premier Soccer League, but Western New York rallied with a second half goal and left with a 3-3 tie Sunday afternoon.

The Mutiny, playing at home at East Longmeadow High School for the first time in five games, needed that homefield advantage to keep up with the Flash.

The Flash and Mutiny split a pair of goals to start the game, but the Flash took a 2-1 lead when they scored in the 22nd minute on a crossover from the end line that was headed past Mutiny goalie Vikki Alonzo.

But Morgan Andrews would help the Mutiny strike back just two minutes later. After spending several minutes with the disadvantage, New England finally got a through-ball upfield and Morgan Andrews found herself advance just inside the 20-yard line.

Andrews did an excellent job maneuvering around two defenders and went all alone with the Western New York goalkeeper as she shot from the left post toward the right post.

The shot was perfectly placed on the goal as a fully outstretched goalkeeper could not come up with the diving save and the Mutiny tied the score 2-2.

From there, action evened up on the field

as both teams had several opportunities during the remaining 20 minutes of the first half.

New England nearly scored during the 37th minute with an open shot by Kate Howarth, but the shot was blocked and the Mutiny continued to try and pressure as the first half neared the end.

Finally, the Mutiny broke through during the final minute of the first half.

Andrews was attempting to move toward the endline and got very physical with members of the Western New York defense. After knocking one player down, Andrews made it to the endline and the Mutiny returned the favor from the earlier crossover against them.

Andrews made a perfect end line cross to Howarth. Howarth made her run toward the goal and headed the ball into the net to make it 3-2 Mutiny at halftime.

The Flash would score a goal when Adriana Santamaria connected with a penalty kick in the 77th minute of the game.

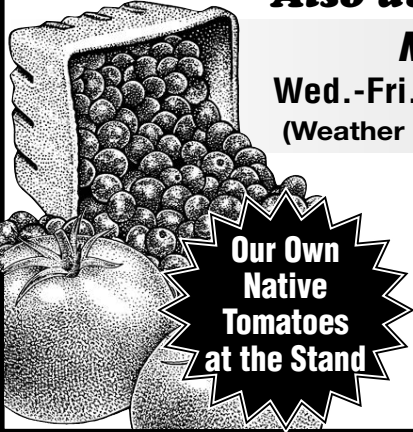
Neither team would be able to score after that.

With the one point, New England stays in the hunt for a playoff game at 3-4-2. New England equaled Western New York’s goal-against mark for the first nine games.

New England trails a playoff spot by five points.

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Obituaries & Church News

MARY L. BENNETT



Mary L. (Morrison) Bennett, 82, of Feeding Hills, entered into eternal rest Thursday, June 21, 2012. Born in Holyoke, daughter of the late John and Catherine (Begley) Morrison, she moved to Feeding Hills in 1954. Mary was a 1947 graduate of Holyoke High School and a 1951 graduate of Mt. Holyoke College. She was a professor at Springfield Technical Community College for 20 years, retiring in 1997. She did research in histology at Mt. Holyoke and was also a substitute teacher in the Agawam School System for eight years. Mary was a member of the Human Anatomy & Physiology Society, the National Education Association, and the Massachusetts Teachers Association. She was also a member of the Feeding Hills Women's Club, a 4H Leader, a communicant of Sacred Heart Church and a member of its former Rosary Altar Society. She was the former vice-president of the Feeding Hills Kindergarten Co-op and an organist for many years at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Church in Springfield. She leaves her husband of 60 years, William J. Bennett; two sons, Stephen G. Bennett of West Springfield, and Thomas J. Bennett of Sioux Falls, S.D.; a daughter, Joanne C. Jennison of Feeding Hills; a brother, John P. Morrison of New Jersey; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by a son, Timothy J. Bennett in 1994; and a brother, David B. Morrison. The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home with a Mass in Sacred Heart Church. The burial followed in the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

ALICE K. KIELBASA



Alice K. (Paschal) Kielbasa, 70, of Agawam, entered into eternal rest Thursday, June 21, 2012. Born in Tampa, Fla., daughter of the late Andrew and Mary Jane (Higgins) Paschal, she moved to Feeding Hills in 1962. She was a 1960 graduate of Plante High School in Tampa. Alice worked for several years as a self-employed

title examiner. She had worked for Kamberg-Berman & Gold, PC from 1982 until 1993 and also for Big Y grocery stores. Alice had been active with the Agawam Methodist Church and the Sacred Heart Athletic Association. She enjoyed decorating her home for all holidays, especially for Halloween when she was handing out candy to the all the children. She was an avid New England Patriots fan. Her husband, Stanley J. Kielbasa, died in 2002. She leaves two sons and their wives, Daniel D. and Lisa Champigny of Agawam, and John A. and Lisa Champigny of Springfield; a brother and his wife, John and Meg Paschal of Tallahassee, Fla.; a grandson, Samuel Champigny; an uncle and aunt, Oliver and Eleanor Higgins of Palmetto, Fla.; her former husband, Daniel Champigny of Agawam; several cousins, nieces and nephews and her dog, Brady Agawam Funeral Home had care of arrangements. The burial was private. Donations may be made to the Shriners Hospital, 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104.



years ago. Carmella had worked as a manicurist and gave facials at the former Village Coiffures for over 15 years. She did a correspondence course from the LaSalle University and received a degree in interior design. She also was a graduate of the LaBaron. Her husband, John C. Pupello died in 1999. She leaves a son, Leonard A. Pupello of Feeding Hills; two daughters, Lenora A. Bourgeois of Cape Elizabeth, Maine, and Mary G. Sullivan, of Feeding Hills; a sister, Margaret Basile of West Springfield; four grandchildren, Geoff Bourgeois, Loren Bourgeois, Christopher Sullivan, and Matthew Pupello; three great-grandchildren, Lexi-Vega Bourgeois, Rocco Meausky, and Giselle Carmella Bourgeois; and several nieces and nephews. The funeral was from the Agawam Funeral Home, followed by a Mass in Sacred Heart Church. The burial followed in Springfield Street Cemetery.

CARMELLA A. PUPELLO

Carmella A. (Librera) Pupello, 87, of Feeding Hills, entered into eternal rest Sunday, June 24, 2012. Born in Springfield,

daughter of the late Angelo and Margaret (Russo) Librera, she lived in Springfield and was a 1942 graduate of Commerce High School. She moved to Feeding Hills over 50

Church News

Free medical clinic at Bethany

A New Covenant Free Clinic is being co-sponsored by New Covenant Community Services and Bethany Assembly of God on Tuesday, July 3, from 6-8 p.m. The clinic will provide non-emergent care for people age 18 and over. The free clinic is intended to help individuals that may be facing difficult financial times receive the care they so desperately need. Residents of Massachusetts and Connecticut that find themselves needing medical care but cannot afford a visit to the doctor are invited to attend. The staff of licensed medical care workers volunteer their time and skills, and no revenue will be collected for the services provided. The entire team is committed to providing quality care on all levels. A visit to the clinic will include a demographic check-in, medical assessment, and spiritual encouragement. The free clinic operates once a month at Bethany Assembly of God, 580 Main St., Agawam. All medical records will be kept in strict confidence. For more information, call the clinic at (413) 363-0098 and leave a message. Your call will be returned.

St. David's to host bible school

St. David's Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, will host "Sky Vacation Bible School," where everything is possible with God. It will be held mornings, July 9-11 and is free and open to the public. For more information, call 786-6133.

July events at Agawam Congregational

The public is invited to attend the Agawam Congregational Church, "a place to call home - a people to call family." Summer service is at 9 a.m. with fellowship and coffee hour following. The public is invited for positive faith messages and air conditioning. It is informal and children are welcome. Communion Sunday will be celebrated July 1 with the Independence Day service, a special service with the Alice Moore Golden Bell Choir. Members include Donna Kenney, Joan Hauser, Cathie Strniste, Diane Harper, Caroline Bassett, Jackie Lollo, Jan Nooney, and Vinnie Govoni. The service will include patriotic hymns, the Pledge of Allegiance, prayers for the country and a special sermon by Rev. Earl. Men's Ministry will meet Saturday, July 21 at 7:30 a.m. at Bobby J's in Agawam. The church family picnic will be held Sunday, July 29. Vacation Bible School will take place Monday through Friday, July 30 through Aug. 3 from 6 to 8 p.m. The public is invited. Pre-registration is requested. Pastor Earl and his wife Barbara are always available for prayer after the service. Newcomers are welcome and members of the community are invited to participate in all church events. For more information, call the church office at 786-7111. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until noon.

Summer worship at First Congregational

WEST SPRINGFIELD - Beginning Sunday, July 1, worship will start at 9:30 a.m. at First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, 20 Lathrop St., West Springfield. Come and experience a warm welcome, Communion, and a timely message by the Rev. Jan Powers. "Participating in Our Own Healing" will focus on one of the many stories in the Gospels about Jesus' healing ministry. In each story, the person being healed had to first put their faith in Jesus in order to be restored to health. Each week, "Summer Kid's Camp" will be offered for children ages 8 and younger following a children's time in worship. Refreshments for all will follow the service in the parish hall. For more information, visit www.firstchurchws.org.

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Kayce Cupcakes: Baking every day better

By Sarah Platanitis
Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM – Craving a cupcake or two and don’t want to make a whole batch? Fret not; Kayce Cupcakes can help satisfy your sweet tooth.

Kayce White, 22, and her father, Larry White, are the bakers behind the new “cupcakery” in Feeding Hills. The father-daughter team began perfecting recipes and delivering dozens of cupcakes to friends and family. After receiving lots of positive feedback, they built a budget, found a location and opened their doors June 2.

“The idea for this started because I liked to really over-cook for parties,” said Kayce. “I could never decide on just one dessert or just one meal with six or seven different choices for everything. It’s kind of how I taught myself to cook.”

Kayce Cupcakes makes five regular flavors each day: two Chocolates with vanilla and chocolate buttercream frosting; two Vanillas with chocolate and vanilla buttercream frosting; and Red Velvet with cream cheese frosting. They also have five daily specials, ranging from Carrot Cake and Root Beer Float to Vanilla Coconut and a spicy Chocolate Chili.

“We’ve got 30-40 special flavors. My favorite is probably the Maple Bacon. It’s like eating breakfast in a cupcake. It’s a maple cupcake with real maple syrup with maple butter cream frosting with real butter and then you have bacon in it...you just can’t go wrong!” exclaimed Larry.

Individual cupcakes are reasonably priced at \$2.75 each. Half dozen is \$16 and a dozen is \$30.

“Cupcakes are convenient,” said Kayce. “You might not want to buy a full-size cake and you can get four different cupcakes for four different people. Some people come in once a week to get one or two and feel better instead of guilty or unhealthy about making a whole box of 24.”

The baking duo’s goal is for everything to taste really good and to use the freshest, local ingredients while staying away from preservatives. Their Chocolate Zucchini cupcake includes squash grown in their own garden and the Strawberry Lemonade cupcake features strawberry puree, lemon zest and juice.

“We’re not going to claim the cupcake is healthy but we try to stay away from a lot of the controversial stuff,” said Larry, mentioning that they are trying out a vegan cupcake recipe and currently make gluten-free cupcakes by special order only.

“We tell people that the recipe is gluten-free but the environment is not. We make them first thing in the morning when there’s



Turley Publications photo by Sarah Platanitis

Kayce White and her father, Larry White, are the bakers behind Feeding Hills’ new “cupcakery,” Kayce Cupcakes, located in the Community Shops on Springfield Street.

less chance of contamination because we clean and sanitize the kitchen every night,” said Larry. “Our rule is that the kitchen has to look the way it did when we first moved in every night before we leave.”

Kayce, a recent graduate of Westfield State University with a degree in psychology, has learned one thing since they started: Cupcakes make people happy.

“One customer came in because she was having a really bad day and this was the one thing that made her happy. She came like three days in a row and it made her day better. Most people come in here already happy and doing this makes me happy,” Kayce said, her go-to cupcake being the Peanut Butter and Jelly Special.

Kayce Cupcakes hosts a welcoming seating area with cheery yellow walls and modern white tables, making it the perfect meeting place for friends and coworkers to sit and talk while enjoying a sweet treat or cup of coffee.

Located between Granger Elementary and Agawam Junior High School, afternoons at Kayce Cupcake are busy with parents and children, grandparents and grandkids, and nine-to-fivers on their way home from work.

In addition to the storefront, Kayce Cupcakes bakes for birthday parties, weddings, bridal showers or other celebration events. Larry and Kayce arrive early each morning to start baking until they close up shop at

6:30 p.m. Most nights at home, they’re figuring out the week, doing financial things or prepping toppers for the next day’s cupcakes.

It’s not all work, though, as some fun cupcake-related events are on the horizon for later this summer. They’re brainstorming children’s birthdays and build-your-own cupcake parties. Kayce is even hoping to have a cupcake eating contest.

“It’s a lot of work but we’re loving it. My wife, Kathy, and Kayce’s daughter, Anna, have been actively involved so it’s been a real family thing. When my oldest son, Alex, comes home from the Ukraine we’re putting him to work,” joked Larry.

Kayce Cupcakes is open Tuesday to Friday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. They are closed Sunday and Monday. People can come in to pick up cupcakes or interact with the cupcake makers on their business Facebook page. The website is regularly updated with information about flavors, catering and posts on their blog.

“We’re having a great time and it’s been nice to meet so many people and see them light up when they see a cupcake. It’s fun to watch them choose. I try to guess what someone is going to pick and most of the time I’m wrong,” she laughed.

For more information about Kayce Cupcakes, visit the Community Shops location at 1325 Springfield St. in Feeding Hills or call 413-726-9070.

Legal Notices

AGAWAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Agawam Historical Commission will be holding a public hearing at **7:00 PM on Tuesday, July 10, 2012**, at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street. The purpose of this hearing will be to review the Demolition Permit for 86 South Westfield Street which comes under the Town of Agawam’s Demolition Delay Ordinance.

By Order of
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AGAWAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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AGAWAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Public Library Conference Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA on **Monday, July 9, 2012 at 6:30PM** for all parties interested in the appeal of Yevgeniy Katalnikov, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-7, Paragraph B of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construc-

tion of an addition to a residential structure with less than the required side yard at the premises identified as 935 Shoemaker Lane.

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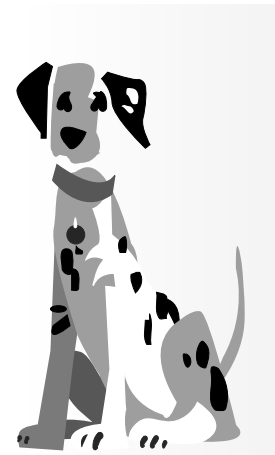
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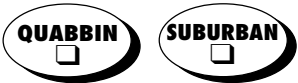
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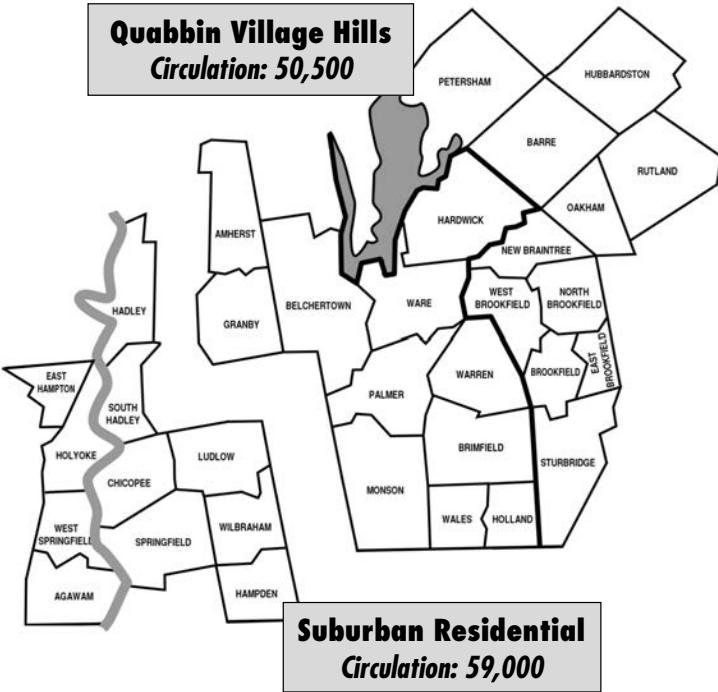


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Saturday, June 30

A FREE PAPER SHREDDING EVENT for all Agawam residents will be held at the Roberta G. Doering School, 68 Main St. from 9 a.m. until noon. It is sponsored by the mayor's office, the DPW and Agawam Youth Football. Remove any heavy metals such as three-ring binders and large black binder clips. Items such as paper clips, staples, and spiral bound notebooks may be left in place.

Monday, July 2

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Tuesday, July 3

THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER will host a free movie at 12:30 p.m. ("Zoo Keeper"). The public is welcome.

Wednesday, July 4

FAMILY FUN FEST will be held at Hope Community Church, North Westfield St., Feeding Hills and includes fun, food and fireworks. Events begin at 5 p.m. and conclude with a hilltop view of the Springfield fireworks. Comedian Mike Warnke will appear at 6:30 p.m. for an hour-long, free show. The public is invited to bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy this free family event. In case of rain, the Family Fun Fest will be held the same night as the Spirit of Springfield fireworks. Warnke's appearance will take place rain or shine.

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THE NORTH HALL ARTS FESTIVAL IN HUNTINGTON will host informal open-mic music jam sessions July 6 and Aug. 3 at 7 p.m. at the historic North Hall, 40 Searle Road (off Route 66) in Huntington. Admission is free for the musicians and the public. Light refreshments will be served. For more information visit www.northhallhuntington.org or call (413) 667-5543.

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL'S ROSIE ROBOTICS will host a can and bottle drive and a car wash, Saturday, July 7, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Rocky's Ace Hardware, located on the corner of Springfield and Suffield streets in Agawam. The cost for the car wash is a donation to the team. For more information, call Charlene Cameron at 786-8302.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will host a blood drive sponsored by Mercy Medical Center, Tuesday, July 10 from 2 to 6 p.m. at St. John's Church, 833 Main St., Agawam. For information, call 786-3091.

FITNESS FIRST HEALTH & FITNESS CENTER, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, will host a blood drive sponsored by Mercy Medical Center, Wednesday, July 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A driver's license with photo or state identification with photo is required to donate blood. All donors should eat at least two to three hours prior to donating, weigh at least 110 pounds and must be 18 years or older. To make an appointment, call (413) 786-1460.

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BARBER DIMES	\$30,000
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BUYING PROOF SETS & COMPLETE COIN SETS
ALL TYPES • ALL YEARS

WE NEED COINS PRE 1965

DIMES • QUARTERS • HALF DOLLARS,
HALF DOLLARS '65-'70 • SILVER DOLLARS ... QUOTED

WRIST & POCKET WATCHES

WE NEED ALL TYPES OF WATCHES

PAYING "UP TO" PRICES FOR:

LADIES	\$12,000	AUDEMARS PIGUET ..	\$32,000
MUSICAL	\$40,000	BREITLING	\$2,000
JUMP HOUR	\$2,500	CARTIER	\$55,000
MOON PHASE	\$70,000	COLUMBUS	\$1,500
UNUSUAL DIAL	\$8,000	ELGIN	\$650
UNUSUAL FUNCTION	\$40,000	GRUEN	\$1,200
UNUSUAL SHAPE	\$8,000	HAMILTON	\$250
CHIMING	\$120,000	ILLINOIS	\$1,500
CHRONOGRAPH	\$17,000	MOVADO	\$2,500
REGULAR	\$12,000	OMEGA	\$2,500
REPEATING	\$65,000	PATEK PHILIPPE ..	\$80,000
STOP WATCHES ..	\$11,000	ROLEX	\$25,000
POCKET WATCHES ..	\$55,000	TIFFANY AND CO. ..	\$80,000
DOCTOR'S WATCHES ..	\$65,000	ULYSSE NARDIN	\$12,000
WORLD TIME	\$40,000	VACHERON & CONSTANTIN	\$27,000
ALL OTHERS	QUOTED		

PAPER CURRENCY BANK NOTES

BRING IN ANY & ALL CURRENCY

SMALL & LARGE NOTES

ALL DENOMINATIONS

CONFEDERATE

FRACTIONAL CURRENCY

SILVER & GOLD CERTIFICATES

PURSES

PRE 1940

METAL MESH

GLASS BEADS

RHINESTONE

ENAMELED

PLASTIC BOX TYPE



BRING THIS COUPON FOR AN ADDITIONAL 5%

THURSDAY, JUNE 28TH - MONDAY, JULY 2ND

**SPINDLE CITY
PRECIOUS METALS**

LUDLOW, MA
COMFORT INN LUDLOW
321 CENTER STREET

HOLYOKE, MA
HOLYOKE HOTEL
245 WHITING FARMS RD.

HADLEY, MA
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS
400 RUSSELL STREET

WESTFIELD, MA
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS
39 SOUTHAMPTON ROAD